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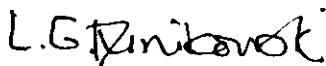
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FROM THE EDITORS

The final issue produced by the current editorial team is now before you. We have learned a lot in the past year -- for a formal report of the year's work, see p. 15 of this issue. This report was presented at CHLA's 12th annual meeting in Halifax, where the weather was wonderful and the company excellent. Look for papers from the meeting in the next issue of **BMC**. What isn't mentioned in the report is what a pleasure it has been during the year to meet the many people who volunteer their time to contribute to CHLA, from those who serve on the Board and as Chapter executives, to those who write for the journal.

We hope you like the new look of **BMC**, which is the result of our new laser printer. Please write and give us your opinions -- at this point, we plan to continue with this format throughout Volume 10. Your input on any aspect of **BMC**'s format or content is most welcome at all times, so please do let us know what you think.

Goodbye for now, and thank you all for a year filled with interest and challenges.



Lynn Dunikowski
Editor



Claire Callaghan
Assistant Editor

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

I have just read your "From the Editor's Column" in the recent issue of the **Bibliotheca Medica Canadiana**, and I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your kind words regarding my recent election as President of the Medical Library Association.

Indeed, I thought long and hard about the viability of a Canadian in the role of the President of the Medical Library Association before I agreed to allow my name to stand in nomination for this office. One reason I decided to consider this opportunity was that I feel most strongly that the issues facing health sciences libraries today are not Canadian or North American but rather international in nature. We have much to share and learn from our colleagues throughout the world, and the place to start seems to me just across the border. I have always appreciated the opportunity to attend on an equal basis with my American colleagues the meetings of the Medical Library Association, and I feel that now it is time to repay some of the learning I have had the opportunity of participating in over the last twenty years. This is not to say that I have any intention of foregoing my commitment to the Canadian scene, although I will feel quite pressured until the year 1991 when my period as Immediate Past President ends. It seems a very long time right now, but I am sure the time will go quickly and, like every other activity that I have been involved in regarding librarians and their associations, the time will go very quickly.

There are many activities that are common to both the Canadian Health Libraries Association and the Medical Library Association. I have seen many of those issues become part of the fabric of CHLA: the emphasis upon good continuing education programs for the membership, the need to publish a journal of communication that would link our librarians from coast to coast, the importance of chapters or regions and their feedback into the national organization, and that huge issue facing all of us today, the importance of strategic planning to prepare us for the information age that is already upon us.

You raise an interesting point regarding the importance of a legislative agenda. I think the CHLA has already a good track record in lobbying, but we need to do more in terms of educating our members on the issues and providing them with good background information. For example, many of our health librarians may not be aware of the CAUT response to the present copyright legislation. **Feliciter**, the Canadian Library Association publication, is doing a great deal to alert members but not all CHLA members are members of the Canadian Library Association. I think a column on the legislative issues facing health libraries today would be of great interest and importance to the CHLA membership.

Again permit me to express my deepest appreciation for your thoughtful remarks on behalf of the Association that I feel very close to.

(Mrs.) Frances Groen
Life Sciences Area Librarian
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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Bill Maes

Head, Public Services
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The most difficult task in the assumption of any new office is to meet the pace and standards set by a good predecessor. Jan Greenwood with her Task Force on Hospital Library Standards and continued direction in the development of our Strategic Plan initiated by Dorothy Fitzgerald, has brought our Association to a new level of maturity as it begins to be an influence beyond its own boundaries.

Continuing in the direction set by Jan the Board, at its post conference meeting in Halifax, has created a Special Committee on the MIS/CHA Guidelines which has, as a matter of urgency, a broad mandate to examine the implications of the Guidelines for Health Care Information Providers and to develop, as necessary, an appropriate response. More information on this Committee and its work should be available in a forthcoming issue of BMC. In the interim, please send any comments or suggestions regarding this matter to the attention of Susan Hendricks at the Oshawa General Hospital or to the attention of the Board.

With the beginning of a new fiscal year we bid farewell to some of our

good and faithful servants and welcome new members to the Board. Past comments by Jan in the pages of this Journal speak well for the many contributions made by Dorothy Fitzgerald, Hanna Waluzyniec and Ann Barrett. They will be missed. Newly elected are Johann Van Reenen and Joanne Gard Marshall, who will be serving as Director responsible for Public Relations/Membership and Director for Continuing Education respectively. This issue also brings to an end the capable editorship of Lynn Dunikowski who has done a great deal in maintaining the quality and improving the appearance of BMC. Claire Callaghan will be assuming her new duties as editor and Linda Wilcox as Assistant Editor. Thank you all for serving, and being willing to serve, the Association so well.

The 12th Annual CHLA Conference in Halifax was a smashing success with representation from Victoria to St. John's. The program had something of interest for everyone and provided much food for thought. On behalf of the Board and all our members I would like to thank Ann Manning and all members of the Conference Planning Committee for their efforts. The hospitality easily matched that for which Calgary is

famous (coming from a Calgarian that says a great deal).

Finally, writing from Alberta I am only too readily aware that we live in relative isolation from most of the members of the Association. I therefore

implore you to use whatever means of communication are at your disposal to share with us your ideas, problems, and solutions for the many issues that face us in 1988-89.

P.S. Does anyone know how to turn beef into fish and/or lobster?

QUELQUES MOTS DU PRESIDENT

Bill Maes

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La tâche la plus difficile quand on commence à exercer une nouvelle fonction est de marcher de pair avec la compétence et l'excellence d'un bon prédécesseur. Avec son Groupe d'Action sur les Standards des Bibliothèques des Hôpitaux, et sous sa direction continue dans le développement du Plan Stratégique initié par Dorothy Fitzgerald, Jan Greenwood a élevé notre Association à un nouveau niveau de maturité, et ceci au moment où cette Association commence à être une influence au delà de ses propres frontières.

En continuant dans la direction dans laquelle Jan l'a guidé, le Comité d'administration a créé, lors de la réunion suivant le congrès à Halifax, un Comité Spécial sur les Directives de MIS/CHA ayant, comme affaire urgente, un large mandat pour examiner les implications des Critères de Fonctionnement établies pour les responsables d'Information sur les Soins Médicaux, et pour développer, au besoin, une réponse appropriée. De plus amples informations sur ce comité et sur le travail qu'il veut accomplir

seront disponibles dans une future parution de BMC. Dans l'intérim, prière d'envoyer vos commentaires et vos suggestions quant à cette question à l'attention de Susan Hendricks a l'Hôpital Générale d'Oshawa, ou à l'attention du Comité d'Administration.

Le début d'une nouvelle année fiscale voit partir quelques uns de nos bons et fideles serveurs et voit arriver de nouveaux membres du Comité. Les commentaires de Jan dans les pages de ce journal ont déjà bien témoigner les maintes contributions de Dorothy Fitzgerald, de Hanna Waluzyniec et de Ann Barrett. Elles nous manqueront. Johann Van Reenen et Joanne Gard Marshall, nouvellement élues, assumeront les postes de Directeur responsable des Relations Publiques et Abonnement, et de Directrice d'Education Permanente respectivement. La nouvelle année fiscale voit aussi partir notre compétente rédactrice en chef, Lynn Dunikowski, qui a fait un énorme travail pour maintenir la qualité et pour améliorer l'apparence du journal BMC. Claire Callaghan

assumera ses nouvelles tâches comme rédactrice en chef, et Linda Wilcox sera rédactrice adjointe. Nous vous remercions toutes d'avoir si bien servi l'Association, et d'avoir si généreusement voulu servir.

Le 12^e Congrès annuel de CHLA à Halifax était un succès épatant. Il y avait des représentants d'à partir de Victoria jusqu'à St-John's. Le programme avait de quoi intéresser tout le monde et fournissait beaucoup à quoi penser. De la part du Comité et de tous nos membres, je voudrais remercier Anne Manning et tous les membres du Comité Organisateur du Colloque. L'hospitalité halifaxienne égalait ce que nous

entendons par l'hospitalité calgarienne (et ceci, venant d'une Calgarienne, est beaucoup dire!).

Finalement, puisque j'écris de l'Alberta, j'avoue être très conscient du fait que nous sommes tous isolés de la plupart des membres de l'Association. Je vous supplie donc de vous servir de n'importe quels moyens de communication qui seraient à votre disposition pour partager vos idées, vos inquiétudes et vos solutions aux nombreux problèmes qui nous attendent en 1988-89.

p.s.: Y a-t-il quelqu'un qui saurait comment transformer le boeuf en poisson ou en homard?

REPORT FROM THE CHLA/ABSC TASK FORCE ON HOSPITAL LIBRARY STANDARDS

Jan Greenwood, Chair

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Ontario Medical Association,
Toronto, Ontario

12th Annual Conference, June 11-15, 1988

In May a draft of the proposed revisions to the standards for library services were circulated to every member of CHLA/ABSC. This draft was the subject of a panel discussion, moderated by Anitra Laycock, at the 12th Annual Conference in Halifax. The panel comprised Mary Hope, Assistant Executive Director of Patient Care Services at the Halifax Infirmary and a surveyor for the newly named Canadian Council on Health Facilities Accreditation (CCHFA); Ursula Poland, Chair, (N.Y.) Hospital Library Service Program Task Force and me. Kathy Eagleton, Verla Empey and Dorothy Fitzgerald, the other members of the Task Force, were also in attendance to address issues raised on the floor.

After presentation of an overview of the Task Force's work to date, with particular attention given to contentious or complex issues, Mary Hope provided both the perspective of an accreditation surveyor and a hospital administrator. She commended CHLA/ABSC for the manner in which it was seeking to have the standards revised, noting that the thoroughness and comprehensiveness of the process would likely do much to enable CCHFA to respond expeditiously. Ms. Hope also counselled librarians not to be reluctant to seek power and advised them to enhance their profiles within their institutions by seeking roles beyond the library.

Ursula Poland then expressed the view that the proposed new standards for Canadian hospital libraries appear to be stronger than those now existing in the U.S. and said that her colleagues would be awaiting the Canadian outcome with interest. As Chair of the N.Y. Task Force Ms. Poland is charged with the responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the guidelines and assessment form published in the 1983 ("Albany") **MANUAL FOR ASSESSING THE QUALITY OF HEALTH SCIENCE LIBRARIES IN HOSPITALS**. She had hoped that the work of this Task Force would be substantially underway by the time of the CHLA/ABSC conference but the necessary state-wide survey necessary to an intelligent review process is only just being carried out. It is hoped that the Canadian and N.Y. task forces will remain in close touch during the coming year and that it might even be possible to hold a joint meeting before finalization of either project.

During the lively and lengthy discussion which ensued from the panel presentations the issue of the reporting structure for hospital libraries proved, not unexpectedly, to be a major area of concern among the hospital librarians present. There was a general consensus that the arrangement whereby a hospital library reports to "staff development" or "education" is totally untenable, partly because of the more comprehensive mandate of the library to make its services

available hospital-wide and support research and patient care programs as well as educational activities. These and other related issues have been presented in a written document from the Task Force to CCHFA.

The failure of the Task Force to relate the standards to workload measurement statistics, a question with which the Task Force has grappled on a number of occasions, was again raised. Given that the development of workload measurement statistics for health libraries remains in its infancy there seemed to be no easy resolution, but the point was made that the Task Force will be recommending mechanisms for continually reviewing and revising the standards in the future. (At its post-conference meeting the CHLA/ABSC Board appointed a Special Committee on the MIS/CHA Guidelines which is a first step in addressing the burgeoning issue of workload measurement statistics). In responding to specific requests from the floor, the Task Force agreed to include in future revisions explicit references to library services in multi-institutional systems

and patient/consumer health information, and to investigate the possibility of publishing the final document through Health and Welfare Canada.

The Task Force members were much encouraged and impressed by the extent to which the CHLA/ABSC membership had become involved in the issues at stake with respect to the standards, and took to their post-conference meeting many ideas and suggestions offered during the panel discussion and throughout the conference. Since it was not possible to discuss at length how the Task Force should proceed with the development of quantitative standards, a decision was made to circulate a brief questionnaire, through the chapter presidents, to CHLA/ABSC hospital librarians. The statistical information gleaned from these responses will enable the Task Force members to make realistic recommendations and guidelines. We are hopeful that the members will continue to provide their support and will respond quickly to this survey, the results of which are needed this summer to enable us to prepare for a fruitful meeting in November.

**CHLA/ABSC TWELFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
CITADEL INN, HALIFAX
JUNE 14, 1988**

1. CALL TO ORDER at 1:50 p.m.

1.1 OPENING REMARKS

President Jan Greenwood welcomed all members to the AGM. The president extended special thanks to all those who contributed to the many association activities during the year. The Conference Planning Committee, in particular, was commended for its efforts in arranging such a successful twelfth conference.

1.2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Ann Manning noted that the draw for the Air Canada ticket would be held following the President's Report.

1.3 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

J. Greenwood noted that the date at the top of page 1 should read "1987." Margaret Taylor noted that she (and not J. Greenwood) presented the OHLA Report (item 8.3). The minutes were adopted as amended. (MSC: Manning, Crawford)

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

J. Greenwood described the 1987-88 year as one of challenge and change. Highlights of the association activities were detailed as follows:

2.1 NEW CHAPTERS

Two new chapters were welcomed:

1. Northwestern Ontario Health Libraries Association.
2. W.W.D. Health Library Network

(serving the Ontario counties of Wellington, Waterloo, and Dufferin). Chapter Co-ordinator Joyce Pharoah was introduced to those present.

2.2 BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings were held in Calgary (Oct 1987) and Toronto (Mar 1988). Discussion focussed on the management and financial stability of the association as well as services to and communication with the membership.

2.3 MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND FEES

In the preparation of the new brochure and other publicity materials, the Board elected to change the membership categories from "personal" to "REGULAR" and "retiree" to "EMERITUS". The Board approved new membership fees for the 1989-90 year. The President noted that the growing activities of the association and the fact that membership fees barely cover expenses necessitate a modest increase. The 1989-90 fees were set as follows:

REGULAR	\$ 45.00
INSTITUTIONAL	65.00
EMERITUS	25.00
STUDENT	25.00
SUSTAINING	2,500.00
BMC SUBSCRIPTION	55.00

Institutional members would be entitled to two votes and to send two delegates to the annual conference at the membership rate.

2.4 COMMUNICATIONS

The Board placed a high priority on communication with the membership and other library associations. At its March meeting, the Board determined to review the association's financial position each year with a view to providing some funding for a Board member or members to visit chapters as the need arises. The President attended a meeting of the London Area Health Libraries Association in March and in April spoke at the Montreal Chapter's annual dinner meeting. Communication was also maintained via BMC, and the President's Letters to the chapter presidents.

CHLA continues its close ties with OHLA.

Chapters were solicited for input into the draft of the Strategic Plan. Many of the suggestions have been incorporated into the Plan which will soon be available as a public document.

2.5 TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE BOARD

With the establishment of the Secretariat, terms of reference for Board positions have been revised in the Executive Manual. It is hoped that, with the Secretariat in place, members who may not be able to draw administrative support from their institutions, will be encouraged to run for office.

2.6 PUBLICITY/PUBLIC RELATIONS

J. Greenwood noted the concerted efforts of Hanna Waluzyniec as Publicity Director and expressed the Board's regret that Hanna has left the health sciences library field. Publicity packages were mailed to hospital administrators and the Canadian Health Record Association. A new brochure and stationery were also designed and distributed.

At its March meeting the Board approved the publication of a series of FACT sheets that would communicate new technological information to members and that would also serve as a public relations tool. The first FACT sheet on Telefacsimile, prepared by President-Elect Bill Maes, was distributed at the conference.

2.7 LIBRARIES WITHOUT WALLS: A BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE

Feedback from the chapters was solicited and incorporated into the association response to the Flower Report. This response was published in BMC 9(4) and presented at the HSRC Advisory Committee meeting in April of this year. CHLA/ABSC is working with representatives of ACMC and HSRC in developing means to implement some of the Report's recommendations.

2.8 CHLA/ABSC POSITION STATEMENT ON TECHNOLOGY

The board recognizes the need for health libraries to provide, as far as possible, the most technologically current methods of accessing and providing information. The following position statement, ratified by the Board at its June 11, 1988 meeting, was presented and approved by the membership.

CHLA/ABSC endorses and encourages the full participation of its members and member organizations in the use and development of information technology as a means of enhancing the acquisition, organization, and dissemination of information in order to support as effectively and efficiently as possible the information needs of health care providers.

2.9 ADDITIONAL ITEMS

The President congratulated Anna Leith and Sheila Swanson on receiv-

ing Honorary Life memberships. Both recipients were present and personally thanked their colleagues.

There were no submissions for the 10th Anniversary Commemorative Award. Chapters were encouraged to apply next year.

The new MLA Liaison is Patrick Brennen.

J. Greenwood congratulated Frances Groen on behalf of the association for her election as President-Elect of the Medical Library Association.

3. **AIR CANADA DRAW**

President-Elect Bill Maes made the draw for a free return Air Canada ticket to any Canadian destination served by the airline. Barbara Saint was the winner.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The financial report for 1986-1987 was distributed. Treasurer Catherine Quinlan noted that she had met with auditor Ken Kimmerly to clarify the financial position of the association. The Treasurer intends to analyse spending patterns and to make more use of short term cash investments.

A projected budget for the coming year will be submitted to the President.

Items of expense this past year have included the purchase of a laser printer, the Secretariat, and support of the Task Force on Hospital Library Standards.

L. McFarlane questioned the auditor's comment that the conference books could not be fully audited. C. Quinlan responded that this is standard accounting terminology used when, as is the case for the conference books, the auditor has not received full documentation.

D. Crawford proposed that, since the financial statement is almost twelve months out of date, the association investigate moving the financial year. The motion was passed. (MSC: Crawford, Greenwood)

5. **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS REPORT**

Past-President Dorothy Fitzgerald noted that six candidates were nominated and over two hundred ballots returned. Those who allowed their names to stand for office were thanked. Donna Dryden was acclaimed the Vice-President/President-Elect. Joanne Marshall and Johann Van Reenen were elected to the Board.

6. **CONTINUING EDUCATION REPORT**

CE Coordinator Ann Barrett noted the following education activities:

T. Flemming and D. Kent are working together to produce a Canadian health statistics course.

OHLA and CHLA/ABSC will mount five telemedicine programs. Details will be published in BMC.

A. Barrett has met with Terry Tomchyshyn of CLA. Preliminary discussions indicate that CLA is very interested in developing and/or presenting joint CE programs with CHLA/ABSC.

7. **BMC REPORT**

Editor Lynn Dunikowski noted that in the three issues published to date this year, 40% of the material has been original papers and 60% association business. Contributions from the membership are always welcomed. A two column format is now used and the new laser printer should improve the production

quality. David Crawford and Bruna Ceccolini of McGill were warmly thanked for their ongoing assistance with the printing and distribution of **BMC**.

Claire Callaghan is **BMC** Editor for 1988-89 and Linda Wilcox the Assistant Editor.

8. **HSRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Donna Dryden reported that the Committee met twice in Ottawa (Sep 1987 and Apr 1988). Discussion focussed on the Flower Report and strategies to implement some of the recommendations.

9. **OHLA REPORT**

Christie Macmillan reported on the activities of the Association. Highlighted for the coming year was the second annual conference which will be held in Toronto in October. Its theme will be management strategies for small libraries. Details will be published in **BMC**.

10. **1989 CONFERENCE REPORT**

Conference Chair Susan Higgins urged all those present to plan to attend the 1989 conference which will be held in Ottawa May 28-31, 1989 at the Chateau Laurier Hotel.

11. **CHAPTER REPORTS**

Summaries of chapter activities were presented by the chapter Presidents or their designates. Full reports will be published in **BMC** 10(1).

12. **OTHER BUSINESS**

L. McFarlane asked about CHLA /ABSC involvement with proposed changes to the copyright and pornography legislation. J. Greenwood responded that the association can respond most effectively by giving support to other larger associations, such as CLA, that are publicly responding to the legislation.

13. **TRANSFER OF CHAIR**

Jan Greenwood thanked the Board members for their diligence, support and hard work, all of which made it possible for the President and the association to meet the challenges of the past year.

Incoming President Bill Maes thanked J. Greenwood on behalf of the Board and the association for all her very hard work over the past year. The new President stressed that, with the Presidency now based in Calgary and much of the association business and activity centred in Toronto, close communication and patient understanding will be required of all members in order for the association to remain strong.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Brown, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Catherine Krause Quinlan

The Association's accounts were transferred from Calgary to St. John's in June, 1987. Unfortunately, a number of problems arose during this transfer of funds. These problems were exacerbated by the geographic distance as well as by the change in bank from the Bank of Montreal to the Bank of Nova Scotia. The assistance of the former Treasurer, Bill Maes, was invaluable in getting a number of matters resolved. The accounts were finally established in St. John's at the end of August; the co-operation and patience of those adversely affected during this changeover period was certainly appreciated.

As reported at the last AGM, the Association has appointed Mr. K. Kimmerly of the Ontario Medical Association as its auditor. I met with Mr. Kimmerly prior to the March Board meeting and had a very interesting and fruitful discussion with him concerning the Association's finances. We agreed that approximately \$10,000 of the Association's funds should be invested in

a mixture of short and long term notes as this arrangement would allow a better rate of return to be realized than is possible through a savings account. This received Board approval and, to date, \$5,000 has been invested in a 60-day GIC. The appropriate mix of longer term notes, blue chip stock options and Treasury Bills is now being investigated.

The Association has on hand approximately \$36,000 which, together with the membership fees and revenue generated by the 1988 conference, will form the operating base for the Association during the coming year. Projected expenses for 1988/89 include the Secretariat and BMC publication and printing, as well as the production of the Directory.

I have found my first year as Treasurer to be a most interesting - and busy! - one and know that my job has been eased considerably by the hard work and high standards of past Treasurers.

REPORT OF THE CHLA/ABSC CE COORDINATOR

1987 - 1988

Ann Barrett

CE PROGRAMS

TELECONFERENCE PROGRAMS

CHLA and OHLA have jointly organized a series of 5 teleconference programs to be presented through Telemedicine Canada. These programs, on a wide range of topics, will be presented throughout this coming fall and winter. Details of topics and times will be sent round to Chapters, and will be published in this and future issues of **BMC** (see p. 53 of this issue). We will be looking forward to member response to this new format for CHLA continuing education.

WORKSHOP ON CANADIAN HEALTH STATISTICS

A new workshop on Canadian Health Statistics is being designed and coordinated by CHLA members Tom Flemming and Diana Kent. This program is scheduled to be completed next spring and will be presented at the next CHLA annual conference in Ottawa.

WORKSHOP MANUAL

A CHLA Workshop Manual was compiled by the CE Coordinator and dis-

tributed to all Chapters. The manual is designed to assist Chapters in planning successful and 'worry free' CE programs at the local level. Suggestions of additional workshop tips from members are always welcome.

BMC CE COLUMN

The **BMC** CE Column has appeared in each issue of the **BMC** in the last year. Many thanks to this year's contributors. As always, new contributions and suggestions are welcome from all members.

CLA LIAISON

The CHLA CE Coordinator met with Terri Tomchyshyn, CLA Director of Professional Development. The possibility of future cooperative projects was discussed, most specifically in the area of the 'CLA travelling road show'. More indepth discussions will take place in the next year.

Finally, best wishes to the incoming CHLA CE Coordinator. My thanks to all members who have offered encouragement and help over the past two years.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE 1987 - 1988

Hanna Waluzyniec, Chair

During this past year CHLA/ABSC had concentrated on publicizing the association. In August 1987, a short article about the CHLA organization appeared in **Progress Notes**, the organ of the Canadian Health Record Association. Following its publication about twenty medical records staff wrote and got further information about CHLA.

In the fall, CHLA had a line of stationery designed to reflect its professional image. CHLA now has its name, address, and envoy printed on letterhead, envelopes, and scratchpads. Each CHLA member was sent a notepad which can serve as an easy publicity vehicle if used frequently within one's organization. The membership may wish to consider buying these notepads in bulk for future use, if they find that it is a good publicity tool.

The CHLA/ABSC brochure was completely rewritten and reprinted. It was translated into French and the new

version is completely bilingual.

A mass mailing was done to alert all hospital directors in Canada that an organization such as CHLA/ABSC existed and that its members could provide access to health information. Over 1500 individual and personalized letters were sent, including about 400 letters in French for Quebec. These were addressed to the Executive Director who was asked to pass along the information to whomever in the hospital was responsible for the library. The mailing included a CHLA scratchpad and the CHLA brochure. This campaign was quite successful in alerting several groups to the existence of CHLA!

As I leave the field of medical librarianship I am very proud to have been a part of CHLA/ABSC and at the same time I am very sad to leave behind such a wonderful group of colleagues. Good luck to you all!

REPORT OF THE EDITORS OF BIBLIOTHECA MEDICA CANADIANA

Lynn Dunikowski
Editor

Claire Callaghan
Assistant Editor

The current editors have published issues 9(2), 9(3), and 9(4) of **Bibliotheca Medica Canadiana**; 10(1) is in process and will be distributed in late July. Volume 9 contains 236 numbered pages in 4 issues, exclusive of the index. Of the 236 pages, 95 or 40% were original papers, the remainder being association business and regular features. Although the editors feel that this is an acceptable balance of material, finding original papers to publish is still an extremely time-consuming task. We hope that unsolicited contributions will increase as CHLA grows and increases its influence, and would like to take this opportunity to encourage all CHLA members to consider writing for publication. The editors thank all those who contributed to v. 9.

After considerable research by the editors into laser printers on the market, CHLA purchased an Okidata Laserline 6 printer in May 1988, at a cost of \$2700. The main advantage of the laser printer is that it vastly improves the quality of camera-ready copy that can be produced; it also is very quick and quiet. The Laserline 6 is now installed and working well, although many hours of set-up time were required. The printer has 15 resident fonts, and more can be purchased if required; these allow the editorial staff a good deal of flexibility in producing an attractive and professional-looking journal. If **BMC** editors do not require the printer, it will be available for the use of other CHLA personnel.

BMC v. 9 was composed using Word-Perfect software and printed in 12-pitch Courier on the CHLA Epson FX 85. It is intended that camera-ready copy for v. 10 be printed in Times Roman on the

new laser printer. A two-column format was introduced with v. 9(2), with the aim of increasing **BMC's** readability, as well as giving the journal a more polished appearance. It is planned that this format will be continued in v. 10.

The \$3,000 allocated for the production of **BMC** has been spent as follows:

Part time help	\$ 2175
Translation	180
Editor's travel	400
Sundry	245
Total	\$ 3000

The editors thank the CHLA Board for allocating this money, without which the production of **BMC** in the current location would have been extremely difficult, if not impossible. There is no doubt that future editors, particularly those in smaller libraries, will also find these resources indispensable.

Claire Callaghan will assume her duties as Editor with v. 10(2). The Board has appointed Linda Wilcox, of Shared Library Services, Exeter, as Assistant Editor for **BMC** v. 10.

The editors gratefully acknowledge the continuing help of David Crawford and Bruna Ceccolini of the McGill Health Sciences Library with the printing arrangements and distribution of the journal; without their capable and good-humoured assistance, **BMC** would not reach its readers half so quickly or efficiently. Thanks to Tom Flemming, **BMC's** previous editor, for his encouragement and advice. Special thanks to David Le Sauvage, without whose expert and untiring help with software and hardware we cannot imagine this volume would have been possible.

ANNUAL REPORT OF CHLA REPRESENTATIVES ON THE HEALTH SCIENCES RESOURCE CENTRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 1987 - May 1988

Donna M. Dryden

The Advisory Committee met twice since June 1987 -- September 17, 1987 and April 8, 1988. The suggestion that the Committee meet more than once per year was made by Elmer Smith, Director of CISTI in order to facilitate good contact between CISTI and the health sciences library community through the Advisory Committee.

The major topic of discussion this year was the Flower Report and the various responses to the Report by CISTI, CHLA, and APMC. Following the April meeting, the Committee recommended to CHLA and SRCMSL that they jointly strike a committee to study interlibrary loans in the health sciences sector (based on Recommendation 3 of the Report). Other items that were raised included CISTI's policies on urgent interlibrary loan requests, telefacsimile, CD-ROM; updating of the General Biomedical Reference Tools-Canadian Supplement; publication of French MeSH; disbursement of the Health and Welfare Canada collection.

The current CHLA representatives on the Advisory Committee are: Donna Dryden, Deidre Green, and Colin Hoare. Two of the members, Donna and Colin, will be completing their terms at the end of 1988. Any CHLA member who may be interested in sitting on the Committee should contact Bill Maes or any member of the CHLA Board of Directors before the Fall meeting of the Board.

NORTHERN ALBERTA HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION (NAHLA) ANNUAL REPORT

Leslie Sutherland, President

On behalf of the membership of NAHLA, I respectfully submit to the CHLA/ABSC Board the following report of our organizations's activities for the 1987/1988 term. There were three general meetings and two social events held during this time, beginning with our summerfest in August followed by our regular fall meeting held on October 29. Highlights from that meeting included discussion of the Flower Report, news from HSRC, and activities of the CHLA/ABSC Task Force on Hospital Library Standards. The business portion of the meeting was followed by a demonstration of search software (BRS Colleague, Nursesearch, and Compact Cambridge CD-ROM Medline) by librarians from the John W. Scott Health Sciences Library. NAHLA was particularly pleased to see that a concern addressed at this meeting - that vacancies in hospital libraries in Edmonton be filled by qualified professionals - has been addressed. In addition, consensus was reached to increase our annual membership fees to \$5. The revenue generated by these funds will be used to purchase chapter stationery and other essential items. The year ended with our Christmas party in December.

On February 10th, members agreed to the executive's proposal to host the 1990 CHLA/ABSC Annual Conference. This was seen to be a challenging undertaking for NAHLA, given that our membership is small and is dispersed over a wide geographical area. Other highlights from that meeting included a lecture given by Denise Holmen, on the

proposed changes to the Copyright Act, and a tour of the University of Alberta Hospital School of Nursing Library. In view of the executive's interest in promoting continuing education programs for NAHLA, members were asked to submit ideas for workshops, lecturers etc. for the coming year.

At our annual meeting, held on May 10th, several changes to our existing by-laws were made, including splitting the position of Secretary/Treasurer into two separate roles, and approving that the Vice-President would automatically become the President the second year of term. The new executive for 88/89 were announced. They are:

President:
Leslie Sutherland
University of Alberta

Vice-President:
Peter Schoenberg
University of Alberta

Secretary:
Linda Slater
University of Alberta

Treasurer:
Julianna Zia
Camsell

Members also indicated that they were interested in having more guest lecturers attend our meetings, to discuss such topics as new software applications for health science libraries, budgeting for small hospital libraries, and access

to statistical literature. In addition, the new executive made plans to petition the Premier's Commission on Future Health Care of Albertans, in order to inform the Provincial Government of the importance of libraries to health care delivery in Alberta. An update of conference planning activities then ensued. So far we have the following officials in place:

Chairs:

S. Shores
K. McLaughlin

Site Coordinator:

L. Sutherland

Continuing Ed.:

J. Buckingham

Exhibits:

P. Schoenberg

The evening ended with a presentation given by two librarians, B. Bulat and Y. Brown, both from the Edmonton Public Library, on developing a collection to reflect consumer health education interests.

On June 3, a brainstorming session was held to generate ideas/themes for the 1990 conference. Attendance for this meeting was high, and plans are now underway to develop the support and many good ideas which resulted. In conclusion, NAHLA efforts have been directed at encouraging the interests of individual members through continuing education lectures this past year, and our goal is to increase member participation in future Association activities. We feel that this will be an exciting year for NAHLA, and for health science librarianship in general. Cheers!

SOUTHERN ALBERTA HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION (SAHLA)

ANNUAL REPORT

Elizabeth Kirchner, President

1987/88 Executive:

President:

Elizabeth Kirchner
Calgary General Hospital Library

Vice President:

Elaine Glover
Rockyview Hospital

Secretary/Treasurer:

Ruth MacRae
Foothills Hospital

Educational Coordinator:

Andras K. Kirchner
Medical Library
University of Calgary

The SAHLA members elected a new executive in October 1987. The newly elected executive's first priority was to bring continuity to the association. For that reason, amendments to several articles in the bylaws were proposed and voted on later at the Annual General Meeting, held on May 2, 1988. As a result of the votes, starting October 1988, the officers will be elected for a two year term with the President serving as Past President during the second year, and the Vice President will serve as President during the second year of the term.

The Educational Coordinator's post was created to facilitate continuing education on a structured basis. Through a questionnaire, the Educational Coordinator gathered information on education programs preferred by the

members. Hence, the first workshop will be held in early September, on collection building and copyright.

The President initiated a membership drive in April 1988, and sent out letters to all hospitals in Southern Alberta. So far 13 percent responded by joining the association.

The Vice-President co-ordinated the activities on the revision of the hospital standards in collaboration with CHLA.

It was decided that an update to our "Union List of Serials of Calgary Area Hospital Libraries" will be done in October each year and a new edition will be published in January in the following year. Copies are free for participating libraries. Others may order it from: A. K. Kirchner, Medical Library, Health Sciences Centre, 3330 Hospital Drive, Calgary, Alberta, T2N 4N1.

Since October 1987, the SAHLA members have met on four occasions, including one General, one Annual General, and two Executive meetings.

The Association's goal for the year is three-fold: First: to be more visible and active on the health libraries field in southern Alberta and to provide continuing education opportunities. Second: to increase the number of its members through a membership drive. Third: to act as consultant to the small rural hospital libraries.

HEALTH LIBRARIES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (HLABC)

ANNUAL REPORT

Margaret Price, President

After the excitement of the 1987 Vancouver conference, it was back to business as usual for the fifty-six members of the HLABC. We held four general meetings this year, including the annual general meeting in May 1988. Guest speakers were invited to address a variety of topics: the role of the psychologist at the Workers' Compensation Board, Canadian copyright, and recent advances in cardiovascular treatments.

In February 1988, twenty-four members attended an update to Jim Henderson's workshop on "Online reference in the Health Sciences", first presented at the 1987 Vancouver CHLA/ABSC conference.

A second edition of the HLABC Union List of Serials was published this year under the able direction of Nancy Forbes. Co-editors Pat Lysyk and Ann Nelson worked diligently to produce four issues of the HLABC Forum.

The 1988/89 Executive is:

President	Jim Henderson
Vice President	Joan Aufiero
Treasurer	Lenore Mason
Secretary	Deborah Newstead
Forum editors	Dan Heino
	Diana Kent

CENTRAL ONTARIO HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION (COHLA)

ANNUAL REPORT

Jean Cornett, President

During the past year, the Central Ontario Health Libraries Association met in October 1987 and May 1988.

The October meeting was held at St. Joseph's General Hospital in Peterborough, with Betty Bishop presiding. As a result, election scheduling changes were made to the constitution, the union list will be updated, member input regarding an annual membership fee and ideas for a COHLA Newsletter were sought.

The May 1988 meeting held at the Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay was well attended. The 2nd edition of the Union List of Periodicals was distributed. An interlibrary loan policy of free borrowing to members from the Union List was established.

A motion to institute an annual membership fee of \$10.00 was approved. Membership benefits will include 2 meetings/year, all mailings, information on CHLA, and participation in the Union List.

Our guest speaker, Susan Hendricks, spoke on "Pay Equity and Job Descriptions: An Overview" and briefly, on "Producing a Newsletter". A committee was formed to produce a Newsletter with our first issue scheduled for late August, 1988.

Between meetings Chapter members were kept current on CHLA activities through periodic mailings. In addition, nominations and elections for the 1988 executive took place.

The executive are:

President:

Jean Cornett
Learning Resource Centre
Georgian College of A.A.&T., Orillia

Secretary:

Maureen Maguire
Huron Regional Centre, Orillia

KINGSTON AREA HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION (KAHLA)

ANNUAL REPORT

Jane Law, President

During the past year, a number of issues have been addressed by the Kingston Area Health Libraries Association.

At the request of the Nurses' Committee of the Kingston Health Sciences Complex, the Association offered a series of recommendations on the production and maintenance of a union list of health sciences audiovisual materials available in the Kingston area. The major recommendations included the hiring of a professional librarian to undertake the task of the initial development of the project and the use of appropriate software to produce and maintain the database. Detailed information will be provided on each item, and access to the material will be available through subject, title, media and location listings. Funding for the project is currently being sought by the Nurses' Committee.

Local resource sharing efforts and cost effective use of local and regional collections continues to be a high priority. To this end, a range of library tools and services are being utilized. Two such tools, the **Union List of Consumer Health Books in Kingston Libraries** and the **Title Guide to Medical Serials in Kingston** will be updated in the summer of 1988. Coverage of the **Title Guide** will be extended to include the holdings of the Family Medicine Centre and the Public Health Unit, bringing the total number of libraries represented to fourteen. In addition,

the Queen's University Library System's new online catalogue "Qline" became available this spring, through the university's mainframe, to all KAHLA members and library users with access to a microcomputer equipped with a modem. The switch to the NOTIS system allows for much faster retrieval as well as the use of sophisticated search techniques.

At the last meeting, held in February, a presentation was given by Suzanne Maranda on the Bracken Library's end-user training programme and short course on personal reference management. Mention was also made of the plans to incorporate these courses into the curriculum as part of a total information literacy package.

Members reported on and discussed a variety of subjects from staff changes and budgetary concerns to the success of the teleconferences for hospital libraries and the issues addressed by the Flower report, **Libraries Without Walls**. Elections for a new executive will take place at the next meeting, at which time the results will be forwarded to the CHLA executive.

Throughout the year, the Association has provided a forum for members to keep abreast of new initiatives, and to communicate the issues and concerns confronting those involved in the provision of information services. We fully expect the coming year to be as busy and productive as the last.

LONDON AREA HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT

Jean Heriot, President

1987-88 Executive:

President:
Jean Heriot

Past-President:
Louise Lin

President Elect/Secretary:
Linda Wilcox

1987-88 Activities:

In April 1987, after approving a new Constitution, LAHLA voted to apply to become a chapter of the Canadian Health Libraries Association. Our application was accepted by the CHLA Board in May, and we held our first meeting as a chapter in October. We concluded our activities for 1987 with a Christmas dinner, held at a London restaurant.

At the April 1988 meeting, we were delighted to have Jan Greenwood attend as our Guest Speaker. Judging by the feedback I have received from various members, her visit was the highlight of the year.

At present, we have a membership of 33 individuals, drawn mainly from area hospital libraries, and the university library. We are all looking forward to our continued involvement in the Canadian Health Libraries Association.

MANITOBA HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT

Judy Inglis, President

1987/88 Executive Committee:

President:

Judy Inglis

Vice-President/President-Elect:

Susan Rogers

Secretary:

Arthur Short

Treasurer:

Bev Brown

The Manitoba Health Libraries Association began its second decade of operation with a very active and productive year, with a focus on reviewing past activities and planning for future development. An analysis of the Association's finances has resulted in a proposal to increase membership fees in the new fiscal year to ensure that we continue to maintain a balanced budget in the face of recent increases in operating costs. A continuing education survey has provided the feedback necessary to plan and develop programming that is responsive to the needs of the membership, and a trial Telemedicine Canada teleconference examined the suitability of this particular technology in fulfilling some of these needs. The MHLA also formalized a longstanding relationship with the Manitoba Health Organizations by becoming an associate member, and prepared the "Health Librarian/Library Technician" career brochure for inclusion in the MHO's "Health Careers" package. Executive members spent considerable

time revising and updating the procedure manuals for each position, and assisting the CHLA with the review of its strategic planning document. The Association has also been active in investigating the practice of "customizing" journal publishing, forwarding its concerns in this regard to the publishers involved and to CHLA.

This has been a particularly demanding year for some of the MHLA committees. The Union List of Selected Serials Committee conducted an in-depth review of the procedures and costs currently involved in the production of the list and recommended to the membership that we turn production over to McAinsh. This recommendation was approved at the Winter Meeting in February of this year and the planning necessary for a smooth transition is currently underway. The Publications Committee made use of desktop publishing to produce our new membership brochure, providing us with a polished product that can be readily updated. This committee also revised and updated the orientation package for new members. The MHLA again participated in the Manitoba Health Organizations annual conference, sponsoring a session entitled "Coping with Copyright - Changing Laws, Changing Technologies". This proved very successful, drawing the largest number of registrants we have ever had. Next year's session on quality assurance is currently in the planning stages and will no doubt prove equally popular. While the majority of MHLA Committees remain active, the Current Awareness

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Committee is currently on the "endangered" list due to lack of members, and its continued viability is presently under investigation.

Three meetings were scheduled in 1987/88. The Fall meeting was hosted by the Health Sciences Centre and featured small group discussions which provided useful opportunities for problem sharing and solving. The Winter meeting was held at Seven Oaks General Hospital on April 27th and will include a discussion of pay equity. The spring meeting will also provide us with the opportunity to recognize the contributions of two of our founding members, Doris Pritchard and Eleanor Kamyszek by granting them Honorary Life Memberships.

Membership in the Association rose to 75 in 1987/88, an increase of four members over 1986/87.

Nominations for the 1988/89 executive have been held with Barbara Carstens being elected Vice-President /President Elect by acclamation. Elections are being held for the positions of Treasurer and Secretary.

The past year has been both a challenging and a rewarding one for me. My thanks to the members of the MHLA Executive and committees for their unflagging energy, enthusiasm and commitment.

MARITIMES HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION (MHLA/ABSM)

ANNUAL REPORT

Penny Logan, President

The Maritimes Health Libraries Association/Association des bibliothèques de la santé des Maritimes (MHLA/ABSM), had a very successful year. In November, three New Brunswick members, Anne Kilfoil, Susan Libby and Kathy Smith held a workshop entitled "How to get what you want" for library workers from around the province. Supported by the New Brunswick Hospital Association, the workshop was so successful that plans are underway for a similar workshop to be given in French by Marthe Brideau.

Chris Toplack was instrumental in organizing a logo contest for MHLA/ABSM. The results are now displayed on T-shirts and will form the basis for a new "visual identity" for promotional material for our group.

A provincial Royal Commission on Health Care Costs held hearings in the Spring of 1988. Through much co-operation and input from the Nova Scotia members of MHLA/ABSM, a brief was presented outlining cost savings and benefits of hospital libraries and suggestions for standardization of health libraries province-wide. We have been asked to report back to the Royal Commission in the fall of 1988 detailing costs for a provincial hospital library system. We feel that there are several library supporters among the Commis-

sioners and are optimistic that future plans for health care in Nova Scotia will include library support.

Our greatest energies this year went into planning for the CHLA/ABSC Conference '88 held in Halifax, June 12-15. Ann Manning was Conference Chair and is to be commended for an efficiently run operation and a successful conference.

Our executive has undergone some changes since I have accepted a position with the Halifax County Regional Library System, and am stepping down as President of MHLA/ABSM effective July 8, 1988.

The executive for MHLA/ABSM for 1988-89 is:

President:

Ann Barrett

Vice President:

- to be elected

Secretary:

Tim Ruggles

Treasurer:

Sam King

Past President:

Christina Toplack

MONTREAL HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT

Janet Joyce, President

President:

Janet Joyce, Royal Victoria Hospital
Medical Library

Vice-President, President-Elect:

Diane Boisvert, Sandoz Canada Inc.

Past-President:

Claire Kelly, Merck Frosst Canada
Inc.

Secretary:

Joanne Baird, Montreal Children's
Hospital

Treasurer:

Barbara Covington, Montreal General
Hospital, Nurses' Library

The Montreal Health Libraries Association held three general meetings and five executive meetings in 1987/88. After some false starts, during which a programme in Strategic Marketing for Health Science Libraries in October and a party in December had to be cancelled, the year got underway with a well-attended wine and cheese/business meeting in March.

A successful programme, Computers in Libraries, was held in April. Norah Stamboulieh of the Montreal General Hospital, DSC presented an overview of automation in libraries in French. Darlene Canning, of the McGill Graduate School of Library and Information Studies, discussed communications software packages. A representative from Trellis-Sys Software Corporation demonstrated the LMS Plus integrated library system.

In May we held our annual dinner meeting at Le Caveau Restaurant and Jan Greenwood spoke on the persona of the physician in selected 18th and 19th

century works of fiction.

The second edition of our very successful Union List of Serials in Montreal Health Libraries will be published in August 1988. Fifty-six libraries have participated. Committee Chairman is Arlene Greenberg.

The MHLA/OLA Consumer Health Interest Group has been revived. Its mandate is to provide information service to clients for the new nursing Health Resource Centre in the Westmount branch of CLSC metro. Membership includes two MHLA librarians: Wendy Patrick of McGill Nursing/Social Work Library and Norah Stamboulieh of Montreal General Hospital, DSC.

Membership of the MHLA is currently 48. One of the main objectives for 1988/89 is to increase the participation of francophone members by offering bilingual programmes.

Officers for 1988/89 are:

President:

Diane Boisvert, Sandoz Canada Inc.

Vice-President, President-Elect:

Sheindel Bresinger, Maimonides
Hospital

Past-President:

Janet Joyce, Royal Victoria Hospital
Medical Library

Secretary:

Anca Cojocar, Hopital Marie-Enfant

Treasurer:

Barbara Covington, Montreal
General Hospital, Nurses' Library

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT

Carol Schmaltz, Coordinator

The Northwestern Ontario Health Libraries Association - NOHLA has recently been accepted as the thirteenth chapter of the Canadian Health Libraries Association, CHLA/ABSC. Terms of office are for one year. Carol Schmaltz - McKellar General Hospital was elected Coordinator and Barbara Murray-Thunder Bay District Health Unit elected as Secretary. There are ten health science libraries in the Thunder Bay area that participate in NOHLA.

Meetings are held twice annually, in the Spring and the Fall. Additional meetings are held as deemed necessary by the Executive. The main focus of the year's meetings was on the development of NOHLA's Constitution and the approval of it at the CHLA/ABSC Board Meeting. Other activities included the sharing of Telemedicine Conferences. As well as being cost effective, this proved to be an excellent tool for the educational development of the members.

An informal medical library network has been in existence in Thunder Bay since the early seventies. Its beginnings were closely associated with the Northern Ontario Medical Programme-NOMP funded by McMaster University. The Northern Ontario Medical Programme's base site was McKellar General Hospital and it wasn't until 1984 that it was relocated to Lakehead University. The NOMP Librarian played an important role in the network, providing assistance in areas such as collection development, cataloguing, and reference questions. It soon became apparent to all involved the need for and importance of resource sharing.

Becoming a Chapter of the CHLA/ABSC has enabled NOHLA to become an acknowledged networking system necessary to the co-operative resource sharing and collection development of health science libraries in Northwestern Ontario.

OTTAWA/HULL HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT

Susan Higgins, President

1987/88 Executive:

President:

Susan Higgins
Disease Control Libraries
Health Protection Branch
Health and Welfare

Secretary-Treasurer:

Vacant

Program Coordinator:

Doris Foster
Vanier Library
Health Protection Branch
Health and Welfare

1987/88 Program:

1. October 15, 1987.

National Defence Medical Centre

Our first meeting of the year was a joint meeting with the OHA Region #9 Hospital Libraries Group. The guest speaker was Betty Garland, of the Health Services and Promotion Branch /Medical Services Branch Library of Health and Welfare, who discussed the current state of library operations in Health and Welfare and the prospects for the future.

2. January 21, 1988.

Ottawa Civic Hospital

This meeting was the first under the chapter's new name of Ottawa/Hull Health Libraries Association (changed from Group). The name change was made to be more consistent with other chapters. A panel discussion on the care of elderly followed the business meeting. A team of workers from the Geriatric

Assessment Unit of the Ottawa Civic Hospital explained their role in meeting the health care needs of the elderly in Ottawa.

3. April 27, 1988.

Canadian Red Cross Society

The association members were treated to a tour of the new national facility of the Canadian Red Cross Society. The library was a highlight of the tour and Leslie Wake and Maria Belanger were envied by all for their beautiful space.

1988/89 Executive:

Susan Higgins will return in 1988/89 as president; Robin Nagy of Health Services and Promotion Branch Library, Health and Welfare and Leslie Wake of the Canadian Red Cross will fill the existing 2 positions on the executive.

CHLA 89

Ottawa is hosting the CHLA Conference in May 1989. We have been busy since last July making plans to accommodate the needs of the membership. The conference will be held at the charming Chateau Laurier and the theme will be "Capital Investments". May in Ottawa is a beautiful time of year, and the tulips should still be in bloom.

The conference has generated a renewed interest in association activities and our membership has grown this year. 1988/89 will be a busy year for us but we hope that the outcome next May will be enjoyed by all.

TORONTO HEALTH LIBRARIES' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT

Mary Boite, President

THLA members feasted on a variety of subjects during the five general members' meetings in 1987/88. In October Ruben Benmergui from the Oshawa General Hospital spoke on Pay Equity: What it means and how it affects you. The February meeting was a CE course given by library consultant Sue Gillespie on Library Workload Measurement; it was so successful that we plan to continue this type of offering and hope to include at least one CE workshop each year. Disaster Contingency Planning for libraries was presented in March by Karen Turko, Preservation Services, University of Toronto Libraries and Deidre Green, Director of the library at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto (who spoke from personal experience of disaster).

Members also enjoyed the Christmas Party and the Annual General Meeting and dinner in May with Elena Jankowicz, President of The Etiquette Institute of Canada, speaking on professional and public protocol.

We are trying to foster closer ties with our interest/affiliated groups and for the first time will hold joint planning meetings during the summer to better coordinate and publicize the programs of THLA, the Microcomputer Group and the Disability Resource Library Network. The Quality Assurance Group re-convened to study and make recommendations to the CHLA Task Force on Library Standards.

The THLA Union List was not revised this spring. A Committee on the Union List chaired by Elizabeth Reid was established and is meeting over the next few months to produce recommen-

dations on revising a new edition.

The executive elected at the May AGM is:

President:	Tsai-o Wong
President-Elect:	Susan Murray
Secretary:	Linda Devore
Treasurer:	Ken Ladd
Past-President:	Mary Boite
Editor, THLA News:	Anne Kubjas

The Editorial Team consists of Marjory Morphy, Associate Editor and Bonnie Brownstein, Assistant Editor.

The upcoming year we hope will be active and interesting. Planning for the year's programs should be made easier by the survey on membership needs produced and circulated by Tsai-o Wong this past year. Members sent new ideas for programs and the Past-President has been designated CE liaison with CHLA. We are also considering incorporating more programs on technology into the year rather than continuing a separate Interest Group on Microcomputers.

On a final note: THLA is pleased that a long-time member of both our association and CHLA, Sheila Swanson, was recently awarded Honourary Life Membership in CHLA. Her contributions to her profession, her professional associations and her colleagues are many. Congratulations also to Joanne Marshall on her election to the CHLA Board. Onward and upward!

WINDSOR AREA HEALTH LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION (WAHLA)

ANNUAL REPORT

T. Janik, Coordinator

A. Henshaw, Secretary-Treasurer

- 1) The Windsor Area Health Librarians met as a group four times this year, each meeting including a programme of education with one or more guest speakers. The June meeting on the 24th will be a dinner meeting.
- 2) Conferences: Members continue to report to WAHLA on conferences they have attended. This year, our members attended the OHLA-OHA annual meeting and educational conference this spring, the quarterly meetings of the Metropolitan Detroit Group, and the London meetings.
- 3) Ongoing projects: WAHLA union list has been updated recently and distributed. Other projects include the Repository Journal Agreement, the Interlibrary Loan Agreement with the Detroit Group and updating Grace and Hotel Dieu's library holdings on OCLC in the Michigan State Union List.
- 4) The WAHLA newsletter continues to inform members about conferences, association business and articles of interest.
- 5) WAHLA Constitution and By-Laws were revised July 1987.
- 6) Education:
 - * Telemedicine - Workload Management
 - * Meetings hosted by Occupational Health and Safety Information Centre - Tour of Facilities and demonstration of their online services
 - * Don Tupling of University of Windsor - User Friendly LUIS-Library User Information System
 - * CE 310 Drug and Pharmaceutical Resources - Bonnie Snow - April 22, 1988.
 - * Paul Ward - McAinsh & Co.-Vendor Resources as External Resources for the library
 - * Pam Richards - University Microfilms - Uses and benefits of microforms in the hospital library
- 7) Publications - "CE on a shoestring" - BMC 1987;9(1):68.
- 8) Conferences Planned: Spring 1989 CE course. Topic and date to be scheduled after June 1988 meeting.

ONTARIO HOSPITAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION (OHLA) ANNUAL REPORT

Christie Macmillan, President

On behalf of the membership of the Ontario Hospital Libraries Association, I am pleased to submit our second Annual Report as an affiliated association with CHLA.

A review of the year's activities confirms continuing membership enthusiasm and support for achieving several important goals.

First, to promote hospital librarianship within the Ontario Hospital Association, OHLA's second Annual Conference was held at the OHA's Annual Convention in November, 1987. This was well-attended and, as a new OHA Section, was a politically important debut, one that provided a long-overdue visibility. The day's theme was Management Strategies for Small Libraries, presented by consultant and author, Guy St. Clair, of New York City. Mr. St. Clair's summary of the session was later published in CHLA's BMC (Volume 9, number 3).

At the Annual General Meeting, the 1988 OHLA Executive was announced:

Past President:

Margaret Taylor, Ottawa

President:

Christie Macmillan, Orillia

President Elect:

Susan Gillespie, London

Secretary:

Kathy You, Sault Ste. Marie

Treasurer:

Pat Hutchison, Ottawa

Continuing appointments included Susan Hendricks of Oshawa as Editor of the OHLA Newline and John Tagg of Toronto as the OHA Liaison. Subsequently appointed were Dora McPherson of London as the Education Committee Chair and Mary Conchelos of Peterborough as Assistant Editor, OHLA Newline.

Another goal of the Association is to provide relevant continuing education programs, particularly for library personnel in small hospitals. To this end, the Annual Conference was preceded by a one-day workshop on Basic Budgeting. To reach the more remote hospital libraries, teleconferences specifically designed by OHLA for library personnel were offered for the first time. A successful series of four lectures through Telemedicine Canada was moderated by Jennifer Bayne of the Toronto General Hospital over the winter and spring and had a wide subscription in and out of province. Also offered in the winter were two lectures through the Northern Ontario Teleconference Network. An additional Continuing Education activity was the second Annual OHLA/OHA Seminar for Hospital Librarians held in April, 1988, at the OHA. This workshop addressed Pay Equity and Job Descriptions, a current issue of concern to Ontario librarians.

A third Association goal is to foster communication among OHLA members. This year, the Association's newsletter, the OHLA Newline, became a quarterly publication, with input from twelve regional representatives. OHLA networking was further supported by the issue of the Annual Membership Directory.

To support librarianship within hospitals, two Ad Hoc Committees were struck. The Salary Survey Committee, pleased with a questionnaire response of over 50%, is currently tabulating the results for membership use. Also, the OHLA Committee for Review of the CHLA Hospital Library Standards Draft developed a submission for the CHLA Task Force.

Other objectives for 1988 identified by the Executive included:

1. Enhancing the profile of the library profession within the OHA through information sharing with its Education and Professional Services.
2. Informing the membership of pertinent legislation. The theme for the October 1988 Annual Conference in Toronto is Thin Ice: Avoiding the Ethical and Legal Hazards of Providing Medical Information. Also, an Ad Hoc Committee on Pay Equity is currently being formed to monitor its implementation and provide membership support.

3. Initiating a membership campaign through personal contact with potential members by OHLA's regional representatives and the development of an Association brochure for distribution.
4. Tailoring Continuing Education programs to the various needs of MHLA members by offering both basic and advanced programs. Confirmed for the 1988 Annual Conference CE programs are a Basic Cataloguing course and a Career Self-Management Strategies workshop. Also, the first joint CE course with CHLA, that is, a second Telemedicine Canada lecture series, has been slated for the fall.

This sharing represents, I believe, the spirit of cooperation that has developed between our two associations. It is a relationship that the OHLA Executive and membership value for the challenges ahead.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

1987/88 MEDLARS UPDATE

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The latter half of 1987 and early 1988 saw several changes in MEDLARS software and database organization. The new features and file regenerations resulted in welcome enhancements to the system access capabilities. To provide an update to users of the system, a summary of the more consequential modifications follows.

A. MEDLINE Backfiles

In December 1987, at the time of the annual system updates, the National Library of Medicine reconfigured the MEDLINE backfiles. The former MED71 file was split and MED75 eliminated, resulting in one fewer backfile to search. MEDLINE and its related files are now aligned as indicated below.

MEDLINE	1986 - pres.	650,000 records
MED83	1983 - 1985	888,000 records
MED80	1980 - 1982	803,000 records
MED77	1977 - 1979	775,000 records
MED72	1972 - 1976	1,175,000 records
MED66	1966 - 1971	1,310,000 records

Furthermore, the backfiles were re-organized in March of 1988 so that, for the time being at least, the publication dates of all citations conform to the file in which the record is found. Of course, as previously missing issues are indexed and gaps filled, this date correlation will go out of synch.

An additional bonus to MEDLINE files was the introduction in April 1988 of semi-monthly updates. Although SDI-

LINE updates will continue to be made on a monthly basis, the first two weeks' data will be available earlier in MEDLINE.

B. Select List

Introduced in November 1987, the new SELECT LIST feature has proven to be even more powerful than expected. The neighbour command (abbreviated NBR) used to browse the index of a file now generates a SELECT LIST. This consists of a SELECT # (the line number of the displayed terms), the POSTINGS for that file and the TERMS found in the index around the requested entry.

e.g.:

SS 1 /C?

USER:

nbr nutr rev (ta)

PROG:

SELECT #	POSTINGS	TERM
1	86	NUTR CANCER
2	41	NUTR HEALTH
3	230	NUTR REV
4	47	NY J DENT
5	150	NY STATE DENT J

UP N OR DOWN N OR ENTER
A SELECT COMMAND

USER:

From this point, one may decide to browse further up or down in the index by entering UP N (where N is the number of terms one wishes to see above

the first item, up to a maximum of 10 terms) or N to see the next N terms below the last item. On the other hand, to go on to search, one needs simply to enter the search term -- it is no longer necessary to respond to the system query (UP N OR DOWN ...) before searching.

So what makes the feature so wonderful? This next part demonstrates the convincing factor. Associated with the LIST is a new SELECT command and several relatives. To continue the example above, at the USER: prompt the SELECT command could initiate a variety of strategies.

e.g. (a) USER:
sel 3
PROG:
SS (1) PSTG (230)

i.e. without having to re-type the desired term, just SElecting the line number retrieves the 230 PSTGs

(b) USER:
sel 1-3
PROG:
SS (2) PSTG (357)

i.e. SEL several index terms at once, separated by a space or comma or a hyphen to indicate a range; implied OR operates among terms

(c) USER:
sel 1-3 and anorexia nervosa
PROG:
SS (3) PSTG (1)

i.e. SEL command may be combined with regular searching techniques

The SELECT LIST cumulates up to 140 terms. A very handy aspect of the LIST is that it is retained when switching from database to database. In our example, changing to FILE MED83 and typing SEL 3 would retrieve all 1983-85 articles indexed from **Nutrition**

Review. When the 140 limit is attained, subsequent NBR commands will overwrite the top-most items in the list, unless one of the following commands is issued.

LISTSELECT (LISTSEL): - displays the list of SELECT #s and TERMS created by NBR commands.

LISTSEL #,#-#: - displays specified entries from the Select List; separate numbers by a comma or space, hyphen indicates range

KEEPSELECT (KEEPSEL): - displays the total number of terms stored in the Select List

KEEPSEL #,#-#: - keeps the specified entries in the Select List; separate numbers by a comma or space, hyphen indicates range

PURGESELECT (PURGESEL): - erases the entire Select List

C. Print Command

In November 1987, enhancements to the print command feature resulted in a much-improved ability to print selected citations. The new format eliminates the need for the cumbersome "SKIP" function. Examples of the changes follow.

prt -3 prints the third citation (The hyphen distinguishes this from PRT 3 which would display the first three citations; leading hyphen required only when requesting a single citation.)

prt 1,3,6 prints the first, third and sixth citations; could also be entered with spaces, i.e. PRT 1 3 6

prt 4,10-12 prints the fourth, tenth eleventh and twelfth citations; hyphen indicates a range

Selecting the references by number can be used with any pre-set print command (PRT, PRT AR, PRT FU, PRT DL, PRT BR) as well as with tailored print commands, online or offline.

D. Execution of STORESEARCHes Online

Since Autumn 1987 it has been possible to use STORESEARCHes online. The advantages of this extend beyond the ability to run a missed AutoSDI or an SDI against a file on which Auto SDI service is not available. STORESEARCHes have no space limitations (which SAVE and SAVESEARCHes do); therefore, several lengthy searches may be kept. In this way many SAVE and SAVESEARCH functions can now be achieved with STORESEARCHes.

As a caution when using STORESEARCH, be aware that the storing process occurs overnight and so the STORESEARCH does not become available for use until the following day. Similarly, removal of a STORESEARCH is accomplished overnight. A list of STORESEARCHes cannot be obtained online, although HSRC can request this information from NLM on your behalf.

E. TOXLINE/TOXLIT Regeneration

In August 1987 TOXLINE and TOXBACK files were reorganized to collect all the non-royalty subfiles into one file (TOXLINE), and all the royalty-based subfiles into another (TOXLIT and TOXLIT65). As a result of this, the cost of searching for toxicology literature has been substantially reduced. To search most efficiently, one can now set up a strategy in TOXLINE, make any necessary modifications, and then run the search against TOXLIT.

F. RTECS on TOXNET

The long-awaited move of RTECS to TOXNET finally took place in the first week of December. The Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS) database was transferred from ELHILL software to the TOXNET software with corresponding changes to the file structure, search capabilities and prices. An overview of the new search features appeared in the **NLM Technical Bulletin** (No. 224, December 1987). The NLM also published a revised TOXNET pocket card in May 1988 reflecting the changes.

G. Expanded TOXNET Gateway

Last year a one-way TOXNET-ELHILL gateway was introduced whereby one could sign on to TOXNET and later transfer to an ELHILL database without having to sign off TOXNET first. Then in February 1988 a second interface was added. Now it is possible to switch back and forth between TOXNET and ELHILL (having logged on to TOXNET first) simply by issuing the usual FILE command. The password for the User ID must be the same in both ELHILL and TOXNET. A detailed example of a search session employing the two-way gateway appeared in the February **Technical Bulletin**.

H. GRATEFUL MED

Just as users were settling nicely into using GRATEFUL MED Version 2.0, NLM released Version 3.0 in January of 1988. The greatest advantage of the latest version is its ability to search several files in addition to MEDLINE and the BACKFILES. New menus provide user-friendly access to AVLINE, CANCERLIT, HEALTH, TOXLINE, TOXLIT/TOXLIT65, CHEMLINE AND DIRLINE. The MeSH disk now contains the 1988 vocabulary. The installation procedures have been simplified;

however, Canadian users still require the special instructions to set up access through DATAPAC in Canada. NLM has plans to release Version 4.0 and a Macintosh version of GRATEFUL MED around the beginning of 1989.

For Further Information

Details about the recent system changes can be found in the **NLM Technical Bulletin** "MEDLARS Update Special Issue" (March 1988) Supplement No. 1, as well as in several issues published between July 1987 and April 1988. The online NEWS feature provides the most up-to-date information and is usually available before the distribution of printed documentation.

A completely revised edition of the **Online Services Reference Manual** can now be ordered through the National Technical Information Service (Order Number PB88-156252/GBB, \$55.00 US). Along with the new MeSH and recently updated MEDLINE and TOXNET pocket cards (available on request from HSRC), the manual documents the current attributes of the MEDLARS databases.

Additional information on the above features and any other questions pertaining to MEDLARS in Canada may be addressed to:

Health Sciences Resource Centre
CISTI
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LIBRARIES WITHOUT WALLS: BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE

Report of a Survey of Health Science Library Collections and Services in Canada

CISTI's Response

INTRODUCTION

The report, "Libraries without walls: Blueprint for the future," was received by the Director of the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information in April 1987. This report, authored by Mrs. M.A. Flower and endorsed by the ACMC/CHLA Project Committee, is an important document for the entire health sciences information community. We thank the Project Committee for promoting the study and congratulate the Committee members, Mrs. M.A. Flower in particular, for delivering such an excellent, timely report.

CISTI has studied the report in depth and special attention is paid to the recommendations outlined in the Flower report. While CISTI recognizes that all the recommendations presented are valid, it is in a position to respond only to the recommendations that are within CISTI's mandate.

RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation:

As a matter of urgency, a task force on harnessing technology for health sciences information should be established.

Response:

CISTI recognizes the full significance of technology and its impact on information management. However,

technology is an ongoing driving force for the information and library world. It is developing so fast and the scope is so large that sufficient resources could not realistically be allocated for a task force that will eventually "lead to the design of a truly interactive system spanning the country."

The report expresses some truly valid concerns regarding the harnessing of technology. Rather than leading a task force, CISTI will assume responsibility in the following areas:

- a) Set up a depository of evaluation reports on turnkey systems, interactive systems, intelligent network and microcomputer software, specific to the health sciences community. The depository would consist of automation reports submitted by the health sciences librarians. To be of greatest benefit to the community Canadian health sciences libraries are encouraged to contribute to the collection.
- b) With this collection, CISTI will establish an Automation Referral Registry that will provide libraries with information concerning pertinent automation projects.
- c) To keep health sciences libraries up-to-date on the latest technological innovations, HSRC will incorporate an article on "technology highlights" in the regular HSRC column that appears in CISTI News, BMC, and Nouvelles ASTED.

Recommendation:

A joint SRCMLS/CHLA committee should be established to study inter-library loans in the health sciences section, and to make recommendations on a) ways to manage the volume; b) ways to rationalize costs; and c) ways to improve delivery time.

Response:

As a major supplier of documents, CISTI will add its support to this recommendation by participating in the joint committee.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Health Sciences Resource Centre at CISTI be maintained and strengthened.

Response:

- a) CISTI is fortunate in having Maureen Wong as the new Head of HSRC. Ms. Wong has extensive experience in both the health sciences community and CISTI. She will bring her knowledge of technology and online systems to HSRC.
- b) A guest worker arrangement may be possible between CISTI and an experienced health sciences librarian. Projects for the guest worker would focus on areas of concern to the community and CISTI.
- c) Research contracts with other libraries would be possible but only within available resources. Co-operative efforts again would need to focus on projects of priority to the health sciences community and CISTI.

BIBLIOTHEQUES SANS FRONTIERES : PROJET D'AVENIR

Rapport d'une enquête sur les collections et les services des bibliothèques de la santé au Canada

Réponse de l'ICIST

INTRODUCTION

Le directeur de l'Institut canadien de l'information scientifique et technique a reçu le rapport intitulé, "**Bibliothèques sans frontières : projet d'avenir**", en avril 1987. Rédigé par Mme M.A. Flower et endossé par le Comité de projet de l'AFMC et de l'ABSC, ce rapport constitue un important document pour le secteur de l'information en sciences de la santé. Nous remercions et félicitons les membres du Comité de projet d'avoir accepté de piloter cette enquête, tout particulièrement Mme. M.A. Flower, dont le rapport est aussi excellent qu'opportun.

L'ICIST a étudié le rapport en profondeur et a accordé une attention spéciale aux recommandations proposées. Bien que l'ICIST reconnaisse le bien fondé de toutes les recommandations, il ne peut répondre qu'à celles s'inscrivant dans le cadre de son mandat.

REPONSE AUX RECOMMANDATIONS

Recommandation:

Il est urgent qu'un groupe de travail chargé d'appliquer la technologie à la diffusion de l'information dans le domaine des sciences de la santé soit mis sur pied.

Réponse:

L'ICIST reconnaît toute l'importance de la technologie et ses effets sur la gestion de l'information. La technologie

constitue une dynamique dans le milieu de l'information et des bibliothèques. Elle progresse tellement rapidement et ses possibilités sont tellement nombreuses que, de façon réaliste, on ne peut allouer à un groupe de travail les ressources lui permettant d'établir les fondements nécessaires "à la conception et à la mise en oeuvre d'un système interactif intégré à l'échelle du pays".

Le rapport exprime des inquiétudes sur la façon de déterminer la technologie applicable à la diffusion de l'information. Plutôt que de mettre sur pied un groupe de travail, l'ICIST s'engage:

- a) à constituer un dépôt des rapports d'évaluation de systèmes clés en main, de systèmes interactifs, de réseaux intelligents et de logiciels de micro-ordinateur conçus pour les services d'information en sciences de la santé.

Le dépôt comprendrait les rapports sur l'automatisation préparés par les bibliothèques des sciences de la santé. Pour optimiser son utilité, les bibliothèques des sciences de la santé au Canada sont incitées à y déposer leurs rapports.

- b) à partir de cette collection de rapports, à mettre sur pied un centre de référence sur l'automatisation qui fournirait aux bibliothèques l'information voulue sur les projets d'automatisation en cours.

- c) à tenir les bibliothèques des sciences de la santé au courant des plus récentes innovations technologiques, en intégrant un article sur les "faits saillants de la technologie" à la rubrique de CBSS publiée dans *Actualités ICIST*, *BMC* et *Nouvelles ASTED*.

Recommandation:

Un comité mixte composé du CRSB-FMC et de l'ABSC devrait être mis sur pied pour étudier le prêt entrebibliothèques dans le domaine des sciences de la santé et formuler des recommandations sur les façons de a) gérer le volume de prêt, b) rationaliser les coûts et c) améliorer les délais de livraison.

Reponse:

- a) En tant qu'important fournisseur de documents, l'ICIST appuiera cette recommandation, en participant aux travaux du comité mixte.

Recommandation:

Il est recommandé que le Centre bibliographique des sciences de la santé de l'ICIST soit maintenu et consolidé.

Reponse:

- a) L'ICIST a la chance de pouvoir compter sur Maureen Wong, la nouvelle chef du CBSS. Madame Wong possède une connaissance approfondie du milieu des sciences de la santé et de l'ICIST. Elle apporte au CBSS ses connaissances de la technologie et son expérience des systèmes d'interrogation en direct.
- b) Il est possible que des dispositions puissent être prises pour inviter à l'ICIST un bibliothécaire spécialiste du domaine des sciences de la santé. Ses activités seraient consacrées à des sujets d'intérêt tant pour le milieu des sciences de la santé que pour l'ICIST.
- c) Les contrats de recherche avec d'autres bibliothèques seront possibles en autant que les ressources le permettront. Tout effort concerté devra également porté sur des projets prioritaires tant pour le milieu des sciences de la santé que pour l'ICIST.

HEALTH AND WELFARE CANADA LIBRARIES: A REVIEW

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The library network in Health and Welfare Canada continues to strengthen its services following the closure of the Departmental Library in April, 1986. To fully understand the new library structure, it is helpful to review library organization in the Department prior to that closure.

The Departmental Library, located in the Brooke Claxton Building, was originally established in the 1940's. Its collections emphasized social welfare, public health policy and the health sciences. Reporting to a central Branch responsible for administrative services, the Departmental Library provided services directly to all staff in the Department, as well as reference service to members of the general public. The Library also participated in resource sharing by providing a free interlibrary loan service to external agencies. The Departmental Library provided centralized services to Branch Libraries as required, including interlibrary loan, cataloguing and acquisitions.

From the 1940's a network of Branch-based Libraries had developed in tandem with the Departmental Library. The three Branch Libraries reported to and were funded by program branches, rather than the Departmental Library. Their role was to serve the highly

specialized information and collection needs of Branch programs, as well as to participate in a library network which provided service to all Departmental staff.

The new library structure consists of Branch-based libraries serving the following:

- 1) Health Protection Branch
- 2) Health Services and Promotion/
Medical Services Branch
- 3) Policy, Communication and
Information Branch

With the closure of the Departmental Library, services were decentralized to these Branch libraries. To accomplish this, a total of 10 more positions were transferred to the Branches, along with salary and operating budget. The total complement of library staff is now 32, including both professional and support staff.

All libraries participate in the formal Departmental Library Management Committee, which addresses common issues and advises senior Departmental management on library-related policies. Branch libraries serve Departmental staff as their primary clientele. Reference services (with the exception of online searching), document delivery and interlibrary loan are available to external libraries and organizations, as well as to members of the general public. Collections in the Health Protection Branch

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and Health Services and Promotion Branch Libraries are accessible on DOBIS. Serials in Health Protection Library are listed on UTLAS. Inter-library loan service is available to the general public free of charge. Requests should be submitted through any library. All collections are available for consultation by health professionals, students, etc. as required. Addresses and telephone numbers for Branch libraries are listed at the end of this article.

Of particular interest is the redistribution of the Departmental Library's collection. Approximately 70% of the collection was retained for the Branches' libraries. After an item-by-item review by Branch library staff, the collection was divided and redistributed according to subject specialization. A central repository for back runs of journals, complete with compact shelving, was retained. Materials not required in the Department were first offered to the National Library and CISTI, and then to McGill's Osler Library, which specializes in the history of medicine. Some commonly available journal runs were sent to the Canadian Book Exchange Centre for redistribution to Canadian libraries.

To understand Health and Welfare Canada's Branch-based library network, it is helpful to review specific programs.

Health Protection Branch (HPB) is the scientific research and regulatory arm of the Department. It supports the Department's only laboratory based programs. In brief, the Branch's business can be described as toxicology and the prevention of controllable health hazards. This encompasses a variety of areas, ranging from the quality and safety of foods and their packaging, to the safety of medical and radiation-emitting devices, pharmaceuticals, over-the-counter drugs and cosmetics. Other responsibilities include surveillance of diseases and environmental hazards, provision of clinical laboratory services to

the provinces and analysis of illicit drugs seized by law enforcement agencies.

To serve Branch staff scattered in twelve buildings across Ottawa, the HPB Library Services Division developed a network of specialized library collections which are located close to large groups of staff. Within the Ottawa area, there are 5 libraries and 2 reading rooms in operation; in addition, there are 5 libraries serving regional laboratories. The HPB Libraries in Ottawa have a distributed collection of approximately 1350 journal titles and 35,000 monographs. Subject areas include food and nutrition, pharmacology, environmental health and epidemiology. Backruns of scientific journals are retained, but monographic collections emphasize material published within the past ten years. Rapid developments in toxicology require constant updating and weeding of collections to ensure that the latest information is available. Unique collections include historical pharmacopeia, and official documents of other health regulation agencies.

Given the wide scatter of publications related to toxicology, HPB Libraries are net borrowers for interlibrary loan, requesting approximately 14,000 items annually. Over 700 in-depth literature searches are provided annually, with heavy use of chemical, medical and toxicology databases. To maintain a link with other major medical libraries, the Chief, HPB Libraries serves as an ex-officio representative to the Association of Canadian Medical Colleges' standing committee on libraries.

Health Services and Promotion Library Network serves staff in four branches, including Medical Services, Health Services and Promotion Branch, (HSP), Corporate Management and International/Intergovernmental Affairs. The Branch encourages Canadians to adopt a healthy lifestyle and provides

leadership for provinces and territories to improve their health services. Health Services and Promotions Branch has an extensive publications program and funds the National Health Research and Development (NHRDP) program, to provide grants for health research. The HSP Library's primary clientele include staff in these Branches, as well as health care practitioners scattered in some 20 nursing stations and 500 health units across Canada.

The HSP library subscribes to about 1500 journals and has a monograph collection of some 55,000 volumes. Library collections emphasize health care delivery, substance abuse, native health and health lifestyles. Its collection contains many unique materials in substance abuse and health promotion. Further, the HSP Library has had a long history of participation in a formal network of Canadian libraries involved in substance abuse. As a result, the HSP Library is a net lender for interlibrary loan. The HSP and former Medical Service libraries were merged administratively in 1987 and will be relocated to a common site in 1988.

The Policy, Communications and Information Branch (PCI) Library was newly created following the closure of the Departmental Library. It provides service not only to its host Branch, but also to the Income Security Programs Branch, Social Services Programs

Branch, Fitness and Amateur Sport, the new Ministry for Seniors, and several smaller units, such as the National Advisory Council on Aging and the Review of Demography. Its collection reflects the policy issues of concern to the Department, but focuses on areas of social concern, public welfare and income maintenance and support. Affiliated with, and physically located within, the Library is the unique resource collection of the National Council on Family Violence, whose holdings are retrievable through the Library's in-house online public access catalogue. Documents, however, are available for consultation only. Other collections include a depository set of the National Welfare Grants Program project reports, as well as a depository set of papers prepared for the Review of Demography and Its Implication for Economic and Social Policy. The PCI Library currently subscribes to 400 journal titles and holds approximately 10,000 monographs.

The Policy Library offers a complete range of library services to its client Branches, and support services to other Departmental staff and to the public at large. As a relatively new member of the library community, its resources have to date been largely unrecognized, with the result that its interlibrary activities have shown it to be net borrower and net user of other services provided.

Requests for service may be addressed to any of the following libraries:

HEALTH PROTECTION BRANCH LIBRARY SERVICES DIVISION

CHIEF, Ms. Bonita A. Stableford (613) 957-1026

Banting Research Centre Library (613) 957-1023

Environmental Health Library (613) 957-1725

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Place Vanier Library (613) 954-8669

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CHIEF, Mrs. Betty Garland (613) 954-8593

POLICY, COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION BRANCH LIBRARY (613) 957-1545

CHIEF, Ms. Marty Lovelock (613) 957-1547

NEWS AND NOTES

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

CLAIRE CALLAGHAN has been appointed to the position of Education Librarian at the University of Western Ontario. Claire's many friends and colleagues at the UWO Sciences Library will miss her, and wish her well in the field of education.

A new Head of Reference and Online Services at the UWO Sciences Library, **LILA HEILBRUNN**, will come on staff on August 15. Lila is leaving a position at the Ontario Library Services, Thames Region.

In June, **CONNIE HOFF** took up a position as Online Services/Collections Development Librarian at the UWO Sciences Library. Connie was previously at Island Medical Laboratories in Victoria B.C.

JEANNINE LAWLOR, Reference Librarian at McGill Nursing/Social Work Library has left to take up an appointment as Chief Medical Librarian at St. Mary's Hospital, Montreal.

NANCY LEMON has replaced **WENDY PATRICK** as Head Librarian, McGill Nursing/Social Work Library from June 1988 to June 1989, while Wendy is on sabbatical.

LINDA VOELKER has accepted the newly-created position of Instructional and Computing Services Librarian at the University of Western Ontario's Sciences Library.

NEW ONTARIO CHAPTER

The W.W.D. Health Library network, representing the Ontario counties of Wellington, Waterloo and Dufferin, has become CHLA's newest chapter. Joyce Pharoah is Coordinator of the network. She can be reached at The Homewood Sanitarium, 150 Delhi St., Guelph Ontario N1E 6K9. Tel: (519) 824-1010.

ORTHOPEDIC JOURNAL AVAILABLE

Dr. W. R. Harris wishes to dispose of a complete set of the **Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery**, **A and B** volumes, from 1953 to 1987. Would interested prospective purchasers please contact Dr. Harris at Suite E.N. 1-234, Toronto General Hospital. Phone (416) 595-4170.

INVITATION TO AUTHORS

NC Press Limited, a Canadian-owned publisher based in Toronto, is looking for health-related books for its new **HEALTHBOOKS** series. Healthcare professionals and others are invited to submit manuscripts or proposals for popularly-written books geared to the general public and to the busy practitioner on a wide variety of topics. Special interests include innovations in health care delivery, women's health care, aging, cost and accessibility of health care, and ethics, among others. Manuscripts in electronic format (IBM compatible) are preferred. Queries should be sent to:

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FROM THE HEALTH SCIENCES RESOURCE CENTRE

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NEW PUBLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

The 17th edition of **Canadian Locations of Journals Indexed in MEDLINE** is now available for purchase at \$36.00 a copy. Please quote NRC No. 28887 when ordering. Make cheque payable to Receiver General for Canada - Credit NRC, or charge to your deposit account. For more information contact CISTI Publications at (613) 993-3736.

MLA 1988 MEETING - NEW ORLEANS- HIGHLIGHTS

News from NLM

- NLM apologised for the late delivery of the special issue of the Technical Bulletin (the one meant to be the replacement of their 1987 update course). This year they will start writing the updates in the Fall and the updating activity will be spread over several months.
- MEDTUTOR, NLM's microcomputer based self instruction package for MEDLINE, is now in the final stages of testing. The software package is intended for health professionals as well as information specialists. There will be 7 chapters covering MEDLINE database contents, data elements and the MeSH vocabulary. Simulated searching is also provided. The package should be ready for release in the Fall of 1988. Watch for announcement of MEDTUTOR's

availability in future issues of **BMC and MEDLARS Canada**.

- **Online Services Reference Manual**- revised edition (1988) is now available for purchase (PB88-156252/GBB, \$55.00 US).
- Version 4 of GRATEFUL MED will probably be available at the end of December 1988. A Mac version will also be available with Version 4. NLM reported that more than 10,000 copies of the software have been sold in North America.
- The National Center for Biotechnology Information Branch within the Lister Hill Center of the NLM was recently established. In response to its mandate to co-ordinate biotechnological information, the NLM has added 9 biotechnical journals and several new MeSH terms to MEDLINE. As well, MEDLINE citations that have sequence data printed in the article will be assigned the main heading MOLECULAR SEQUENCE DATA. (For more details, refer to the NLM Technical Bulletin No. 228, April 1988.)
- MEDLINE now updated twice a month, except for November and December.
- Product diversification will continue. 14 companies to date are distributors of MEDLINE CD-ROM products. However, some of the products are

not yet available on the market. There will be a one-day MEDLINE CD-ROM conference to be held in the NLM's Lister Hill Center auditorium on September 23, 1988. Representatives from the CD-ROM vendors and libraries that participated in an NLM-organized evaluation at 21 test sites will share their results and experiences.

- MeSH MARC version will be available in June. All allowable headings are included. Note that chemical records are not included in the MeSH MARC tapes.

Some questions from the audience:

Q. Will SDI results be available on floppy disk?

A. Not going to happen in the near future due to technical difficulties.

Q. Are MeSH terms added to MEDLINE in the middle of the year?

A. New headings are seldom added in the middle of the indexing year. However, when they are added, announcements are made in the Technical Bulletin.

Q. When will the revised edition of **The Basics of Searching MEDLINE** be available?

A. New edition expected to be out by Fall 1988.

DU CENTRE BIBLIOGRAPHIQUE DES SCIENCES DE LA SANTE

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AVIS DE LANCEMENT

Vous pouvez maintenant acheter la 17e édition du répertoire **Dépôts canadiens des revues indexées pour MEDLINE** au coût de 36 \$ l'exemplaire. Veuillez citer le numéro CNRC 28887 lorsque vous le commandez. Etablissez un chèque à l'ordre du Receveur général du Canada, au crédit du CNRC, ou portez-le à votre compte de dépôts. Pour obtenir de plus amples renseignements, communiquez avec le Service des publications de l'ICIST au (613) 993-3736.

REUNION DE LA MLA - NOUVELLE-ORLEANS - POINTS SAILLANTS

Nouvelles de la NLM

- La direction de la NLM s'excuse pour le retard qu'elle a pris pour vous faire parvenir le numéro spécial du bulletin technique (celui qui remplace le cours de mise à jour pour 1987). Cette année la rédaction des mises à jour commencera à l'automne et les activités de mise à jour s'échelonneront sur plusieurs mois.
- La mise à l'essai de MEDTUTOR, le logiciel d'auto-apprentissage pour l'interrogation de la base de données MEDLINE est presque terminée. Ce logiciel s'adresse aux professionnels de la santé et aux spécialistes de l'information. Sept chapitres couvrent l'essentiel de la base de données MEDLINE, les éléments de

données et le vocabulaire MeSH. Le logiciel comporte également des simulations de recherche. Le logiciel devrait être disponible à l'automne de 1988. L'avis de lancement paraîtra dans un des prochains numéros de **BMC** et de **MEDLARS Canada**.

- **Online Services Reference Manual** - l'édition révisée (1988) peut maintenant être commandée (PB88-156252/GBB, 55 \$ US).
- La quatrième version du logiciel **GRATEFUL MED** sera probablement prête vers la fin du mois de décembre 1988. Une version Mac sera également disponible avec la quatrième version. La NLM a indiqué que plus de 10 000 copies du logiciel ont été vendues en Amérique du Nord.
- Le National Center for Biotechnology Information Branch relevant du Lister Hill Center de la NLM a récemment été mis sur pied. Afin de remplir son mandat qui est de coordonner l'information biotechnologique, la NLM recense 9 autres nouvelles revues biotechniques et a ajouté plusieurs nouveaux termes MeSH à MEDLINE. En outre, on assignera désormais aux références d'articles dans le MEDLINE qui comportent des données en séquence la vedette principale **MOLECULAR SEQUENCE DATA**. (Pour de plus amples détails, reportez-vous au

bulletin technique de la NLM no 288, avril 1988).

- MEDLINE sera désormais mis à jour deux fois par mois, sauf en novembre et en décembre.
- La NLM continuera d'offrir des produits de plus en plus divers. Quatorze entreprises à ce jour sont dépositaires des produits MEDLINE sur CD-ROM. Toutefois, certains produits ne sont pas encore disponibles sur le marché. Une conférence d'une journée traitant de MEDLINE sur CD-ROM aura lieu à l'auditorium du Lister Hill Center de la NLM le 23 septembre 1988. Des représentants des serveurs et des bibliothèques, qui ont participé à l'évaluation du CD-ROM organisée par la NLM à 21 endroits témoins, divulgueront les résultats de l'essai et témoigneront de leur expérience.
- La version MARC du MeSH sera disponible à compter du mois de juin. Toutes les vedettes permises sont incluses. Notez toutefois que les notices de substances chimiques

ne se trouvent pas sur les bandes de la version MARC du MeSH.

Les principales questions des participants étaient les suivantes:

- Q. Les résultats des recherches de DSI seront-ils disponibles sur disquette souple?
- R. Non. Pas dans un avenir prévisible à cause de difficultés techniques.
- Q. Les termes MeSH sont-ils ajoutés à MEDLINE au milieu de l'année?
- R. Les nouvelles vedettes sont rarement ajoutées au milieu de l'année d'indexation. Toutefois, si elles étaient ajoutées on l'annoncerait dans le bulletin technique.
- Q. Quand verra-t-on la nouvelle édition révisée de **The Basics of Searching MEDLINE**?
- R. Une nouvelle édition est prévue à l'automne de 1988.

MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS

UNYOC '88

DISCOVER YOUR WORTH!

Date: October 12-15, 1988

Location: Loew's Westbury Hotel, Toronto



The annual conference of the Upstate New York and Ontario Chapter of the Medical Library Association aims to re-evaluate the role of the information provider in the changing health environment. A welcoming reception will be held on Wednesday evening, October 12. The Gents, an upbeat *a capella* ensemble, will provide the entertainment at the banquet on Thursday, October 12. The full conference fee includes all plenary sessions (Thursday and Friday, welcoming reception, Annual Meeting breakfast and coffee breaks. Members: \$47.00 Non-members: \$60.00. The banquet is \$27.00, Friday luncheon \$15.50, and Microcomputer Users' Group Lunch \$15.50. "Discover the Feeling" of Toronto as you "Discover your Worth" at UNYOC '88!

PLENARY SESSIONS - Thursday, October 13

The value of the health information professional - James M. Matarazzo

Role of the information provider in the health care environment: Canadian and U.S. perspectives - W. Vickery Stoughton

Microcomputer Users' Group Lunch: The future of hypertext databases - Norman Hoyle

The service imperative: do library services improve the quality of patient care?
- David N. King

Panel on networking for success - Sandra Langlands, Moderator

PLENARY SESSIONS - Friday, October 14

Shaping the future: MLA's strategic plan - Frances Groen

Personal Development: concurrent sessions on "Women and Power" and "Effective negotiations in the workplace"

Contributed Papers

Developing the role of the end-user librarian - Suzanne Maranda

Revenue generation at Fudger Medical Library - Lillian Bayne

A statistical "framework" for inter-library loan transactions - Tami A. Hartzell

Medline on the wards: participant perceptions and usage - Cindy Walker Dilks

Health sciences libraries in 2001 - Alan M. Rees

UNYOC '88 CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES - Wednesday, October 12

Getting the most out of the library's microcomputer

Instructor: Lynne Howarth

A workshop designed for library managers or staff members who want to increase their computer literacy. Suitable for microcomputer novices, for those who have recently acquired a microcomputer or for those who are considering additional applications for an existing system. Basic library applications and affordable hardware and software enhancements for improving performance and productivity of the library's micro will be emphasized. Members: \$75.00 Non-members: \$100.00

Medline on NLM and BRS: a comparison of search capabilities

Instructor: Helen Ann Brown

What are the differences between searching MEDLINE on NLM's own system and using BRS? When should you consider using one system rather than the other? This workshop is designed to answer these questions, as well as to review some of the latest BRS enhancements, such as Medspell, Plurals and Scientific American Medicine Online. Suitable for both experienced searchers of BRS and library managers who want to make the most effective use of online systems. Course fee is \$75.00.

UNYOC '88 CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES - Saturday, October 15

Data for decision-making

Instructor: Charles R. McClure

Introduces participants to practical procedures and strategies for using data to improve library planning and evaluation. The workshop will introduce planning and performance measurement techniques, identify specific planning strategies and explain how to collect and produce selected library output measures. Ideal for library managers who need to increase the quality of library services and better justify those services to administrators. Members: \$110.00 Non-members: \$125.00

MEDLINE search strategies: a workshop

Instructor: Dianne Pammett

A workshop for new or experienced online searchers who know the basics of searching MEDLINE on NLM and who want to develop and refine their searching skills. Participants will benefit from discussing searching experiences with each others, as well as from instruction and advice. Course fee is \$30.00

N.B. MLA certification for the above courses is pending at the time of publication.

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QUALITY ASSURANCE: AN INTRODUCTION FOR SMALL HOSPITAL LIBRARIES
Part I: What is Quality Assurance; Part II: Getting Started: Steps in the
Quality Assurance Process; Part III: Importance of Communication
 Dates: October 20, October 27, and November 3, 1988. 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Presented by the Northern Ontario Teleconference Network in cooperation with the Alberta Hospital Association Teleconference Network. The cost of this type of teleconference programming averages from \$35.00 to \$65.00 per program (for unlimited attendance). The last registration date for the programs listed above is **Thursday September 22**. For further information or program registration, please write Elaine Wanzel, Education Program Coordinator at: NOTN, 111 Larch Street, Sudbury ON P3E 4T5. Tel.: (705): 675-3335.

CHLA/OHLA TELECONFERENCE SERIES, presented through Telemedicine Canada.
 Series Moderator: Jennifer Bayne.

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3 February, 1989	Electronic Mail	Mike Ridley

The cost per program is \$65.00 anywhere in Canada. Any number of people can participate per site, the cost does not vary from the basic per program charge. Be sure to register at least three weeks in advance of the programs, to allow time for delivery of course materials. For more details contact:

Telemedicine Canada
 Gerrard St. West
 Toronto ON M5G 1J6
 Tel: (416) 595-4472

CANADA ONLINE II

Date: December 12-14, 1988

Location: Sheraton Centre, Toronto

A large conference focussing exclusively on online research and the information industry. The program covers such topics as trends in online research, marketing and competitive intelligence research, and online for scientific and technological research, and features a large exhibition of online industry vendors and producers with presentations and demonstrations of the latest advances and developments in the industry. Registration fee is \$500 (Canadian). For further information, please contact: Renee Roy, Conference Co-ordinator, Canada Online Limited, 158 Pearl Street, Toronto ON M5H 1L3. Tel: (416) 593-5211 Envoy: Canada.Online

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